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(From our Irregular Correspondent.)

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It is some time since I deliberately took pen in hand, "to have my say" through the columns of your paper, regarding trade in general, and with the Hawaiian Islands in particular, but, as just about this time, as the almanacs have it, the annual statistics of trade and commerce for the past year are published by our live papers, the *Alta California* and *Evening Bulletin*, I think I can use my assistant, a most worthy one, too, viz., a pair of excellent scissars, and collate from their columns (the papers' not the scissars') enough matter to furnish you a letter and your business men occupation for the fifteen minutes they will probably devote to its perusal, and a subsequent gratification and self-satisfaction, that it is to their energy and enterprise, combined with the wants of our community, that such a gratifying state of things exist, or have existed, (which is the proper expression?) First and foremost I will glance at the

Passenger Statistics.

The efflux of visitors from this port to yours, which has been often commented upon during the past year, and the "fixed fact" that three lines of packets are now plying between here and the Hawaiian Islands, successfully substantiate the truth of the statement that the arrivals and departures for 1863 and 1864 have increased in the following rates:

	Arrivals.	Departures.	Arrivals.	Departures.
214	122	499	562	562
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The list of departures, you will perceive, is greatly in excess of arrivals in 1864, showing a differential ratio from the previous year of 1863, but this may be accounted for by the fact that your correspondent was among the arrivals here in 1863, which in itself is a fact that future statisticians upon this subject must take fully into consideration, and give it its due weight, which was in the vicinity of 204 lbs. ariodups.

Port Statistics.

The next item is the movement of vessels, and the following is a statement of the vessels which have arrived at this port during the year ending Dec. 31, 1864, together with their tonnage, length of passage, and freight chargeable on merchandise:

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